

**Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**

**Fifteenth Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Abrams	Cooper	Harrell	Morris	Smith, R
Alexander	Corbett	Hatchett	Mosby	Smyre
Allison	E Dawkins-Haigler	E Hawkins	Nimmer	Spencer
E Anderson	Deffenbaugh	E Henson	Nix	Stephens, M
Atwood	Dempsey	Hightower	O'Neal	Stephens, R
Ballinger	Dickerson	Hitchens	E Pak	E Stephenson
Barr	Dickey	Holcomb	Parrish	Stovall
Battles	Dickson	Holmes	E Parsons	Stover
Beasley-Teague	Douglas	Houston	Peake	Strickland
Belton	E Drenner	Howard	Petrea	Tankersley
Bentley	Dudgeon	Hugley	Pezold	Tanner
Benton	Dukes	Jackson	Powell, A	Tarvin
Beskin	Duncan	E Jacobs	Powell, J	Taylor, D
Beverly	Ealum	E Jasperse	Prince	Taylor, T
Broadrick	Efstration	Jones, J	Pruett	Teasley
Brockway	E Ehrhart	Jones, J.B.	Quick	Thomas, A.M.
Brooks	England	Jones, L	Raffensperger	Thomas, E
Bryant	Epps	Jones, S	E Rakestraw	Trammell
Buckner	Evans	Kaiser	Ramsey	Turner
Burns	Fleming	Kelley	Randall	Waites
Caldwell, J	Fludd	Kidd	Reeves	Watson
Caldwell, M	Frazier	Kirby	Rhodes	Welch
E Cantrell	Frye	Knight	Rice	Weldon
Carson	Gardner	LaRiccica	Roberts	Werkheiser
Carter	Gasaway	Lumsden	Rogers, C	Wilkerson
Casas	Geisinger	Mabra	Rogers, T	Wilkinson
Chandler	Glanton	Marin	Rutledge	E Willard
Cheokas	Golick	Martin	Rynders	Williams, A
Clark, D	Gordon	Maxwell	Scott	Williams, C
Clark, H	Gravley	Mayo	Sharper	Williams, E
Clark, V	Greene	E McCall	Shaw	Williamson
Coleman	Hamilton	McClain	Sims	Yates
Cooke	Harbin	Meadows	Smith, E	Ralston, Speaker
Coomer	Harden	Mitchell	Smith, L	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Bell of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Bruce of the 61st, Dollar of the 45th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Jordan of the 77th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Oliver of the 82nd, and Setzler of the 35th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend John Fender, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Pooler, Pooler, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 2. By Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Randall of the 142nd, Stephens of the 164th, Willard of the 51st, Kaiser of the 59th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to provide for pari-mutuel wagering or betting on horse racing in this state; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Racing Commission; to establish and provide for the Georgia Breeders Funds; to enter into the Interstate Compact on Licensure of Participants in Live Racing with Pari-mutuel Wagering; to provide for the appointment of members of the compact committee; to prohibit certain conduct and provide

for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 305. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Sandersville School Building Authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership and the appointment of members of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, and powers; to provide for vacancies, organization, meetings, and expenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the transfer of property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 306. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Shaw of the 176th, Carter of the 175th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the conversion of life insurance policies for funding for long-term care services to delay medical assistance; to provide that the proceeds of the conversion through a life settlement contract be used only for long-term care services; to provide requirements for owners of life insurance policies and for providers; to provide for education for applicants and recipients of medical assistance; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 307. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandersville, approved March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4823), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 29, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4290), so as to change the provisions regarding election of members of the city council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 308. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Peake of the 141st and Harbin of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, computation, rate, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to revise the tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 309. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-164 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of a school bus driver stopping to allow children to disembark, so as to make it unlawful for a child under 12 years of age to cross a roadway unassisted by an adult after disembarking from a school bus; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 310. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Coomer of the 14th, Nimmer of the 178th, Rogers of the 10th, Dickey of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions; to amend Titles 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 34, 35, 37, 40, 42, 43, 45, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, domestic relations, education, elections, labor and industrial relations, law enforcement officers and agencies, mental health, motor vehicles and traffic, penal institutions, professions and businesses, public officers and employees, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to conform provisions to the new Chapter 3 of Title 42; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 311. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Yates of the 73rd, Kidd of the 145th, Williams of the 168th, Taylor of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to provide for free access to state parks, historic sites, memorials, and recreational areas for certain military veterans; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

- HB 312. By Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Houston of the 170th and Clark of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-11-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the licensing of persons engaged in tobacco business, initial and annual fees, suspension and revocation, registration and inspection of vending machines, bond by distributor, jurisdiction, and licensing of promotional activities, so as to remove certain bonding requirements pertaining to manufacturers and importers of tobacco products; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- HB 313. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Nimmer of the 178th and Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to leaves of absence for certain public employees, so as to authorize the application for limited paid leave for the purpose of promoting education in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

- HB 314. By Representatives Tankersley of the 160th and Rynders of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to combine the State Board of Barbers and State Board of Cosmetology; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

- HB 315. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Coomer of the 14th and Dickey of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to change the name of the Technical College System of Georgia to the Georgia Career College System; to change the name of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to the State Board of the Georgia Career College System; to amend various provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to reflect such name change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

- HB 316. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Meadows of the 5th and Smith of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 14-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional services provided by professional corporations, so as to provide that the practice of medicine and surgery and optometry shall be considered the practice of only one profession for purposes of professional corporations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

- HB 317. By Representative Fludd of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle ad valorem taxation, so as to provide for a partial ad valorem tax exemption on certain motor vehicles owned or leased by certain disabled veterans; to provide that the percentage of such exemption shall be the same as the percentage of disability; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- HB 318. By Representatives Stover of the 71st, Pezold of the 133rd, Allison of the 8th, Caldwell of the 20th, Kirby of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government and state government, respectively, so as to provide that membership in regional commissions is optional for counties and municipalities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

- HB 319. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th and Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the temporary suspension of the collection of taxes on gasoline and aviation fuel, so as to provide for legislative findings; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to the foregoing; to ratify an executive order of the Governor suspending temporarily the collection of such taxes; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

- HB 320. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Carter of the 175th, Hatchett of the 150th, Peake of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide that public disclosure of certain records held by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation, and the Georgia Student Finance Authority is not required; to provide, without judicial action, for the garnishment of pay, loss of a professional license, offset of lottery winnings, and offset of a state tax refund for amounts owed to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the Georgia Student Finance Authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

- HB 321. By Representatives Cooke of the 18th, Allison of the 8th, Hightower of the 68th, Frye of the 118th, Quick of the 117th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 33 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health records, so as to revise provisions regarding imposition of costs for providing copies of health records; to authorize certain charges for producing records in various forms; to provide limitations on certain charges; to provide for estimated costs; to provide for prepayment of charges; to provide for sanctions for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

HB 322. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Mabra of the 63rd, Frye of the 118th, Jones of the 62nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to foreclosure, so as to provide for the recording of deeds under power within a certain time after a foreclosure sale; to provide for the assessment and collection of a late filing fee; to provide for the remittance of sums collected from such late filing fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 323. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Willard of the 51st, Jacobs of the 80th, Abrams of the 89th, Kidd of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to change certain provisions relating to the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978" and the merit system in order to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation; to add definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 324. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Frazier of the 126th, Abrams of the 89th, Bell of the 58th, Randall of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to health, so as to require certain notice in a mammogram report to patients with dense breast tissue; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

- HB 325. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Atwood of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, so as to modify the definition of the term "passenger vehicle" to which the safety belt law applies; to provide for the imposition of fines; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

- HB 326. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Mitchell of the 88th, Scott of the 76th, Brooks of the 55th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to law enforcement officers and agencies; to provide for penalties; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the inspection of public records, so as to provide for the release of certain audio and video recordings from devices attached to the persons of peace officers; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 327. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Mitchell of the 88th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact a bill of rights for Georgia teachers; to require annual evaluations of principals and assistant principals by teachers; to revise provisions relating to a teacher's authority to remove a student from the classroom; to revise a provision relating to personnel matters not subject to complaint; to prohibit requiring or coercing a teacher to change a student grade or test score; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

- HB 328. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Coomer of the 14th, Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th, Golick of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, Code Sections 17-10-7 and 42-9-45, Chapter 1 of Title 43, and Code Section 49-4-15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," repeat offenders and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles general rule-making authority, general provisions for professions and businesses, and fraud in obtaining public assistance, food stamps, or Medicaid; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

- HB 329. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Evans of the 42nd, Setzler of the 35th, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4106), so as to change the provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

- HB 330. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th and Kidd of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 and Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the selection and qualification of candidates and presidential electors and general provisions relative to sheriffs, respectively, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of sheriffs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

- HB 331. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Randall of the 142nd, Kidd of the 145th and Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to require the completion of a training requirement within 120 days of the issuance of a weapons carry license; to provide that sheriffs shall offer handgun education courses; to provide for the design of such handgun education courses by the Department of Public Safety; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 332. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Randall of the 142nd and Kidd of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to coroners, so as to revise the qualifications for the office of coroner; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 333. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kidd of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 and Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the selection and qualification of candidates and presidential electors and general provisions relative to coroners, respectively, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of coroners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 334. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Kidd of the 145th, Bentley of the 139th and Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum relative to quality basic education, so as to provide for an elective course of study in personal finance for students in grades six through eight; to provide for a mandatory course of study in personal finance

for students in grades nine through 12; to provide for compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 335. By Representative Harbin of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the assessment of property damaged by fire; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 336. By Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Stephens of the 164th, Caldwell of the 20th, Spencer of the 180th, Dudgeon of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to allow persons who move to this state and title their motor vehicles to elect between paying title ad valorem taxes on such motor vehicles or paying ordinary annual ad valorem taxes on such motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 337. By Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Stephens of the 164th, Caldwell of the 20th, Spencer of the 180th, Pezold of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to allow persons who purchase motor vehicles at the end of the leases of such motor vehicles to elect between paying title ad valorem taxes on such motor vehicles or paying ordinary annual ad valorem taxes on such motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 338. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Tanner of the 9th, Caldwell of the 131st, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts and the uniform traffic citation and complaint form, respectively, so as to provide for the collection of a fee to defray the costs associated with using electronic citations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Electronic Citation Fund; to provide for procedures; to provide for a cause of action under certain circumstances; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 339. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, Strickland of the 111th, Rice of the 95th, Peake of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of state income taxes, so as to extend the tax credit for film, video, or digital production in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 340. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd, and Gordon of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 3-3-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, so as to change certain provisions relating to such sales on Sunday during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 341. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Taylor of the 79th, Gravley of the 67th and Frye of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-26.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions and requirements regarding state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to provide that certain qualified inspectors may be certified by the Building Officials' Association of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

- HR 301. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th, Atwood of the 179th and Powell of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Senior Police Officer Elmer B. "Buddy" Christian III and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

- HR 302. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Ralston of the 7th, O'Neal of the 146th, Abrams of the 89th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to enact significant reforms to the nation's federally financed graduate medical education programs and to provide states with additional resources to meet the health workforce needs of the future; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

- HR 303. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION urging the State Board of Education to develop and implement comprehensive civics education curricula to improve students' civic knowledge, skills, and attitudes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

- HR 304. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Beskin of the 54th, England of the 116th, Broadrick of the 4th, Benton of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging Georgia's technical schools, colleges, and universities to expand gerontology and dementia education and training throughout their academic curriculum in order to address the growing economic, social, and healthcare needs created by an aging population; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

- HR 305. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Setzler of the 35th, Allison of the 8th, Turner of the 21st, Barr of the 103rd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to limit the rate of growth in the state budget, with such limitation based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index and population growth; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HR 306. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Holmes of the 129th and Shaw of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. James Henning Perry and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 307. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Chandler of the 105th, Kidd of the 145th, Bentley of the 139th and Waites of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to require the completion of a personal finance course as a graduation requirement for undergraduate students; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 5	HB 284
HB 285	HB 286
HB 287	HB 288
HB 289	HB 290
HB 291	HB 293
HB 294	HB 295
HB 296	HB 297
HB 298	HB 299
HB 300	HB 301
HB 302	HB 303
HB 304	HR 280
HR 281	SB 3
SB 5	

Representative Coleman of the 97th District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 100	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 164	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 198	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Coleman of the 97th  
Chairman

Representative Rynders of the 152nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 73	Do Pass	HB 95	Do Pass
HB 121	Do Pass	HB 194	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Rynders of the 152nd  
Chairman

Representative Tankersley of the 160th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:



HB 38      Do Pass  
HB 254     Do Pass  
HB 258     Do Pass

HB 251     Do Pass  
HB 257     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Tankersley of the 160th  
Chairman

Representative Allison of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 70      Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Allison of the 8th  
Chairman

Representative Sims of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Properties has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 104     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Sims of the 123rd  
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 15th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

### DEBATE CALENDAR

#### **Open Rule**

None

#### **Modified Open Rule**

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| HB 52 | Child custody; require parenting plans to be incorporated into final orders; change provisions (JuvJ-Quick-117th)   |
| HB 65 | Education; local boards of education and certain charter schools to hold at least two public meetings on the proposed annual operating budget; require (Ed-Caldwell-20th) |
| HB 91 | Education; eliminate Georgia High School Graduation Test; provisions (Substitute)(Ed-Coleman-97th)  |

#### **Modified Structured Rule**

None

#### **Structured Rule**

None

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Meadows of the 5th  
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 38. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Magistrate Court of Grady County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court

costs in the magistrate court; to provide for practices and procedures connected therewith; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 251. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Americus, approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5985), as amended, so as to provide for a city manager; to provide for appointment, qualifications, terms, removal, and vacancies; to provide for duties, powers, and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of a city clerk and finance director; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 254. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Spencer of the 180th, Shaw of the 176th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Waycross, approved August 17, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4916), an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6055), and an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3814), so as to rename the police court as the municipal court and provide new provisions for the operation of that court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 257. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the board of commissioners of Decatur County, approved March 4, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 630), as amended, so as to restate the provisions of said Act; to provide for the election of a chairperson and vice-chairperson of the board by its

members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 258. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of treasurer of Decatur County; to provide for the transfer of duties; to repeal an Act to provide compensation for the treasurer of Decatur County, approved August 16, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 209), as amended; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Corbett	Y Harrell	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
E Anderson	E Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hatcher	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Atwood	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hawkins	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Ballinger	Y Dempsey	Y Henson	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Barr	Y Dickerson	Y Hightower	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Battles	Y Dickey	Y Hitchens	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens, R
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickson	Y Holcomb	E Pak	E Stephenson
Y Bell	Dollar	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stovall
Y Belton	Y Douglas	Y Houston	E Parsons	Y Stover
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Strickland
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Tankersley
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tanner
Y Beskin	Y Dunahoo	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Beverly	Y Duncan	E Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ealum	Y Jones, J	Y Prince	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Efstration	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Pruett	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	E Ehrhart	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y England	Y Jones, S	Y Raffensperger	Y Thomas, E
Y Bryant	Y Epps	Y Jordan	E Rakestraw	Y Trammell
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Y Kaiser	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Kelley	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Floyd	Y Kendrick	Y Reeves	Y Watson
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kidd	Y Rhodes	Y Welch
E Cantrell	Y Frazier	Y Kirby	Y Rice	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Roberts	Y Werkheiser

Y Carter	Y Gardner	Y LaRiccia	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Chandler	Y Geisinger	Y Mabra	Y Rutledge	E Willard
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Martin	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y Maxwell	Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Mayo	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y McCall	Y Shaw	Yates
Y Cooke	Y Hamilton	Y McClain	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 75. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596), so as to provide for staggered terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

SB 84. By Senators Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for an advisory referendum election to be held in the City of Tybee Island for the purpose of determining if the construction of a public swimming pool with municipal funds is desired by the people of said city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 75. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, O`Neal of the 146th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 632, approved April 28, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 139), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 125. By Representative Belton of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Rutledge ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 75. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Putnam County, approved September 8, 1879 (Ga. L. 1878-79, p. 334), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 15, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3596), so as to provide for staggered terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 84. By Senators Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for an advisory referendum election to be held in the City of Tybee Island for the purpose of determining if the

construction of a public swimming pool with municipal funds is desired by the people of said city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Rogers of the 10th et al., Peake of the 141st et al., Benton of the 31st, Kirby of the 114th, Williamson of the 115th, Howard of the 124th, Brockway of the 102nd et al., Bennett of the 94th, Welch of the 110th et al., Sharper of the 177th, Stovall of the 74th, and Carter of the 175th et al.

Pursuant to HR 73, the House commended Amanda Miliner, a former Miss Georgia, for her accomplishment of winning the 2015 Georgia Teacher of the Year award and invited her to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 282, the recognized and commended the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) and the Human Trafficking component of that task force and invited them to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 72, the House commended Jada R. Gresham, a 12 year-old seventh grade honor student at Upson-Lee Middle School, and invited her to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 91. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Dickson of the 6th, Clark of the 101st, Maxwell of the 17th, England of the 116th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the elementary and secondary education, so as to eliminate the Georgia High School Graduation Test as a requirement for purposes of graduation; to provide procedures for former students who did not pass one or more portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test to petition to obtain a high school diploma; to provide for notice of such petition option; to provide for changes for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the elementary and secondary education, so as to eliminate the Georgia High School Graduation Test as a requirement for purposes of graduation; to provide procedures for former students who did not pass one or more portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test to petition to obtain a high school diploma; to provide for notice of such petition option; to provide for changes for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the elementary and secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-84, relating to accountability, flexibility, and consequences components of contracts, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The accountability component of the contract provided in Code Section 20-2-83 shall include at least one of the student achievement measures in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection, including both total scores and any needed targeted subgroups:

- (1) High school graduation rates;
- (2) SAT or ACT performance;
- (3) State standardized test data, which may include ~~criteria-referenced competency tests, the Georgia High School Graduation Test, end-of-grade assessments,~~ end-of-course assessments, or a combination thereof;
- (4) Advanced placement or international baccalaureate participation and performance; and
- (5) Any other accountability measures included pursuant to Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-132, relating to the primary goals of the "Quality Basic Education Act," as follows:

"20-2-132.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the primary goals of this article shall be as follows:

- (1) A substantial reduction in the number of teachers who leave the teaching profession for reasons of job dissatisfaction;



- (2) A decrease in the percentage and number of students who enter school but drop out prior to graduation;
- (3) The elimination of emergency teaching certificates and waivers for teaching outside of specialty;
- (4) A decrease in the percentage of students who fail ~~the Georgia High School Graduation Test~~ to attain passing scores on end-of-course assessments;
- (5) A significant increase in the test scores of Georgia students who take the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the ACT Assessment (ACT);
- (6) An increase in the number of students mastering each skill in reading, mathematics, and other subject areas;
- (7) An accountability system for education programs that measures efficiency and effectiveness and ensures that programs produce improvement in student achievement scores for all students;
- (8) A comprehensive program and financial information system that provides data that allow for the accurate evaluation of program effectiveness;
- (9) A seamless education system that allows students to be served in the most effective and efficient way possible;
- (10) The elimination of school violence;
- (11) A decrease in the percentage of students who perform below grade level;
- (12) An increase in parental and community involvement in schools;
- (13) Better coordination between education agencies and other organizations providing instructional and related services to students;
- (14) A more competent school work force through the effective use of evaluation tools, training, and school improvement teams that promote best practices; and
- (15) More flexibility for high-performing schools so that services can be better adapted to student needs."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-171, relating to minimum direct classroom expenditures, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3) A local school system that has direct classroom expenditures that are less than 65 percent of its total operating expenditures and that is unable to meet the expenditure requirements in paragraph (2) of this subsection may apply to the State Board of Education for a one-year renewable achievement waiver. The waiver request must include evidence that the local school system is exceeding the state averages in academic categories designated by the board, which may include, but not be limited to, ~~criterion-referenced competency tests, the Georgia High School Graduation Test,~~ end-of-grade assessments, end-of-course assessments, and the SAT, a plan for obtaining compliance with this Code section, and any other information required at the discretion of the board; and"

**SECTION 4.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-281, relating to the assessment of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," as follows:

"20-2-281.

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a student assessment program consisting of instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to implement the program and shall fund all costs of providing and scoring such instruments, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Each local school system may elect to administer, with state funding, nationally norm-referenced instruments in reading, mathematics, science, or social studies in grade three, four, or five and in grade six, seven, or eight, subject to available appropriations, with assistance to such school systems by the State Board of Education with regard to administration guidance, scoring, and reporting of such ~~assessments~~ instruments. The State Board of Education shall review, revise, and upgrade the quality core curriculum. Following the adoption of this revised curriculum, the State Board of Education shall contract for development of ~~critierion-referenced competency tests~~ end-of-grade assessments to measure the quality core curriculum. Such ~~tests~~ assessments in English and language arts, mathematics, and reading shall be administered annually to students in grades one through eight, and such tests in science and social studies shall be administered annually to students in grades three through eight. This action shall be completed according to a schedule established by the State Board of Education. ~~A curriculum-based assessment shall be administered in grade 11 for graduation purposes.~~ Writing ~~assessments~~ shall be ~~administered to~~ assessed, at a minimum, for students in grades three, five, eight, and 11. ~~The writing assessments shall provide students~~ Students and their parents ~~with performance outcome measures resulting~~ shall be provided with writing performance results from the administration of such ~~tests~~ assessments.

(b) The nationally ~~normed assessments~~ norm-referenced instruments provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall provide students and their parents with grade equivalencies and percentile ranks which result from the administration of such ~~tests~~ instruments. ~~Criterion-referenced tests and the high school graduation test provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section~~ End-of-grade assessments shall provide for results that reflect student achievement at the individual student, classroom, school, system, and state levels. The State Board of Education shall participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and may participate in any other tests that will allow benchmarking this state's performance against national or international performance. The results of such testing shall be provided to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education and shall be reported to the citizens of Georgia. Further, the state board shall adopt a school readiness assessment for students entering first grade and shall administer such assessment pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151. One of the components in the awarding of salary supplements as part of a pay for performance or related plan under this article may be assessments of student achievement.

(b.1) The State Board of Education shall notify local school systems and individual schools of the results of the assessment instruments administered under this Code section at the earliest possible date determined by the state board, but not later than the beginning of the subsequent school year.

(c) The State Board of Education shall have the authority to condition the awarding of a high school diploma to a student upon achievement of satisfactory scores on instruments ~~or tests~~ adopted and administered by the state board pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and the end-of-course assessments adopted and administered by the state board pursuant to subsections (f) and (h) of this Code section. The state board is authorized and directed to adopt regulations providing that any disabled child, as defined by the provisions of this article, shall be afforded opportunities to take any test adopted by the state board as a condition for the awarding of a high school diploma. ~~Said~~ Such regulations shall further provide for appropriate accommodations in the administration of such test. ~~Said~~ Such regulations shall further provide for the awarding of a special education diploma to any disabled student who is lawfully assigned to a special education program and who does not achieve a passing score on ~~said~~ such test or who has not completed all of the requirements for a high school diploma but who has nevertheless completed his or her Individualized Education Program.

(d)(1) The State Board of Education shall develop or adopt alternate assessments to be administered to each student receiving special education services pursuant to Code Section 20-2-152 who does not receive instruction in the essential knowledge and skills identified in the quality core curriculum developed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-140 and for whom the assessment instruments adopted under subsection (a) of this Code section, even with allowable modifications, would not provide an appropriate measure of student achievement, as determined by the student's Individualized Education Program team. ~~A student's Individualized Education Program may serve as an alternate assessment for that student.~~

(2) A student's Individualized Education Program team shall determine appropriate participation in assessment and identify necessary accommodations in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(e) The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt rules, regulations, policies, and procedures regarding accommodations and the participation of limited-English-proficient students, as defined in Code Section 20-2-156, in the assessments described in this Code section.

(f) The State Board of Education shall adopt end-of-course assessments for students in grades nine through 12 for all core subjects to be determined by the state board. For those students with an Individualized Education Program, ~~the~~ each such student's Individualized Education Program team shall ~~determine appropriate participation in assessments and~~ identify necessary accommodations in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(g) Under rules adopted by the State Board of Education, the Department of Education shall, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, release some or all of the

questions and answers to each ~~riterion-referenced competency test~~ end-of-grade assessment administered under subsection (a) of this Code section and each end-of-course assessment administered under subsection ~~(e)~~(f) of this Code section after the last time ~~the instrument~~ such assessment is administered for a school year.

(h) The State Board of Education, through the Department of Education, shall administer the end-of-course assessments for core subject areas as defined by state board policy. ~~The state board shall promulgate a schedule for the development and administration of all end-of-course tests.~~ By the 2015-2016 school year, the State Board of Education shall make all end-of-course assessments available online and shall establish rules and regulations to maximize the number of students and school systems utilizing such online assessments.

(i) The Department of Education shall develop study guides for the ~~riterion-referenced tests~~ end-of-grade assessments and end-of-course assessments administered pursuant to subsections (a) and (f) of this Code section. Each school system shall distribute the study guides to students who do not perform satisfactorily on one or more parts of an assessment instrument administered under this Code section and to the parents or guardians of such students.

~~(j)(1) The high school graduation test provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall continue in effect until all high school core subject end-of-course assessments have been developed and implemented, at which time the state board shall discontinue the test according to a schedule to be determined by the state board.~~

~~(2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations requiring the results of core subject end-of-course assessments to be included as a factor in a student's final grade in the core subject course for which the end-of-course assessment is given.~~

~~(k)(1) In addition to the assessment instruments adopted by the State Board of Education and administered by the Department of Education, a local school system may adopt and administer criterion-referenced or norm-referenced assessment instruments, or both, at any grade level. Such locally adopted assessment instruments may not replace the state's adopted assessment instruments for purposes of state accountability programs, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.~~ A local school system shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred for locally adopted assessment instruments. Students with Individualized Education Programs must be included in the locally adopted assessments or provided an alternate assessment in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

~~(2) The State Board of Education shall have the authority to grant waivers until Fiscal Year 2003 to local boards of education exempting said boards from the administration of the state criterion-referenced competency tests at any or all of the subject areas and grade levels for which the local board of education implements a locally developed criterion-referenced competency test or tests based on the Quality Core Curriculum which increases the expectations for student achievement beyond that of the applicable state criterion-referenced competency test or tests and meets all other~~

~~requirements of this Code section, including reliability and validity requirements, with the exception of subsection (g) of this Code section. Local boards of education with such waivers shall submit to the State Board of Education school and local school system score reports of the locally developed criterion-referenced competency tests.~~

(l) In adopting academic skills assessment instruments under this Code section, the State Board of Education or local school system shall ensure the security of the instruments in their preparation, administration, and scoring. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, meetings or portions of meetings held by the state board or a local board of education at which individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items are discussed or adopted shall not be open to the public, and the assessment instruments or assessment instrument items shall be confidential.

(m) The results of individual student performance on academic skills assessment instruments administered under this Code section shall be confidential and may be released only in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.

(n) Overall student performance data shall be disaggregated by ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, disability, language proficiency, grade level, subject area, school, system, and other categories determined by policies established by the Office of Student Achievement.

(o) Student performance data shall be made available to the public, with appropriate interpretations, by the State Board of Education, the Office of Student Achievement, and local school system. The information made available to the public shall not contain the names of individual students or teachers.

(p) Teachers in ~~grades one~~ kindergarten through grade 12 shall be offered the opportunity to participate annually in a staff development program on the use of tests within the instructional program designed to improve students' academic achievement. This program shall instruct teachers on curriculum alignment related to tests, disaggregated student test data to identify student academic weaknesses by subtests, and other appropriate applications as determined by the State Board of Education.

(q) The State Board of Education shall consider the passage by a student of an industry certification examination or a state licensure examination which is approved by the State Board of Education when considering whether to grant such student a variance for one or more ~~portions of the high school graduation test~~ end-of-course assessments required by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection ~~(a)~~(c) of this Code section in order to obtain a Georgia high school diploma; provided, however, that the state board shall not grant a variance to a student unless the student has attempted and failed to pass the relevant ~~portion of the high school graduation test~~ end-of-course assessment or assessments at least four times."

## SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-281.1.

(a) On and after the effective date of this Act, students shall no longer be required to earn a passing score on the Georgia High School Graduation Test to earn a high school diploma.

(b) A person who is no longer enrolled in a Georgia public school and who previously failed to receive a high school diploma in this state or was denied graduation solely for failing to achieve a passing score on one or more portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test or its predecessor or the Georgia High School Writing Test or its predecessor may petition the local board of education in which he or she was last enrolled to determine the student's eligibility to receive a high school diploma pursuant to this Code section based on the graduation requirements in effect when the student first entered ninth grade. Once the local board of education confers a diploma upon a student meeting such requirements, the local board shall transmit to the Georgia Department of Education in accordance with department procedures the number of diplomas awarded. The local board of education may date the high school diploma on the date the student graduated or the date the diploma was conferred. Students receiving diplomas pursuant to this Code section shall not be counted as graduates in the graduation rate calculations for affected schools and school systems, either retroactively or in current or future calculations. On or before January 31, 2020, the Georgia Department of Education shall report to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly the number of diplomas granted, by local school system, pursuant to this Code section.

(c) Each local school system shall annually advertise the provisions of this Code section, one time no later than January 15, 2016, one time no later than January 15, 2017, and one time no later than January 15, 2018. Such advertisement shall be made in a local newspaper of general circulation which shall be the same newspaper in which other legal announcements of the local board of education are advertised. At a minimum, such notice shall consist of two columns measuring at least ten inches in length and measuring at least four and one-half inches in combined width, and include:

- (1) A headline printed in at least a 24 point boldface type;
- (2) An explanation of who qualifies for the petitioning option;
- (3) An explanation of the petition process;
- (4) A contact name and phone number; and
- (5) The deadline for submitting a petition."

## **SECTION 6.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-283, relating to criteria for placement and promotion policies and specific requirements for students in grades three, five, and eight, as follows:

"20-2-283.

(a) No later than January 1, 2002, the State Board of Education shall adopt criteria for the development of a placement and promotion policy by each local board of education consistent with the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy.

(b) Such criteria as adopted by the State Board of Education shall require the following for students in grades three, five, and eight:

(1) No student shall be promoted, except as provided in this Code section, to:

(A) The fourth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the third grade ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local school board for the school that the student attends;

(B) The sixth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the fifth grade ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade mathematics assessment and fifth grade ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local school board for the school that the student attends; or

(C) The ninth grade program to which the student would otherwise be assigned if the student does not achieve grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 on the eighth grade ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade mathematics assessment and eighth grade ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade reading assessment developed in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281 and meet the promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of Education and by the local school board for the school that the student attends;

(2) When a student does not perform at grade level on any ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade assessment specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection then the following shall occur:

(A) The parent or guardian of the student shall be notified in writing by first-class mail by the school principal or such official's designee regarding the student's performance below grade level on the assessment instrument, the retest to be given the student, the accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction program to which the student is assigned, and the possibility that the student might be retained at the same grade level for the next school year;

(B) The student shall be retested with a ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade assessment or an alternative assessment instrument that is appropriate for the student's grade level as provided for by the State Board of Education and the local board of education; and

(C) The student shall be given an opportunity for accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction in the applicable subject; and

(3) When a student does not perform at grade level on any ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade assessment specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection and also does not

perform at grade level on a second additional opportunity as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection then the following shall occur:

- (A) The school principal or the principal's designee shall retain the student for the next school year except as otherwise provided in this subsection;
  - (B) The school principal or the principal's designee shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the student and the teacher regarding the decision to retain the student. The notice shall describe the option of the parent, guardian, or teacher to appeal the decision to retain the student and shall further describe the composition and functions of the placement committee as provided for in this subsection, including the requirement that a decision to promote the student must be a unanimous decision of the committee;
  - (C) If the parent, guardian, or teacher appeals the decision to retain the student, then the school principal or designee shall establish a placement committee composed of the principal or the principal's designee, the student's parent or guardian, and the teacher of the subject of the assessment instrument on which the student failed to perform at grade level and shall notify in writing by first-class mail the parent or guardian of the time and place for convening the placement committee;
  - (D) The placement committee shall:
    - (i) Review the overall academic achievement of the student in light of the performance on the ~~critereion-referenced~~ end-of-grade assessment and the standards and criteria as adopted by the local board of education and make a determination to promote or retain. A decision to promote must be a unanimous decision and must determine that if promoted and given accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction during the next year, the student is likely to perform at grade level as defined by the Office of Student Achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-31 by the conclusion of the school year; and
    - (ii) Prescribe for the student, whether the student is retained or promoted, such accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction as needed to perform at grade level by the conclusion of the subsequent school year, prescribe such additional assessments as may be appropriate in addition to assessments administered to other students at the grade level during the year, and provide for a plan of continuous assessment during the subsequent school year in order to monitor the progress of the student;
  - (E) For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee; and
  - (F) The decision of the placement committee may be appealed only as provided for by the local board of education.
- (c) This Code section does not preclude the retention by the school principal or the principal's designee of a student who performs satisfactorily on the ~~critereion-referenced~~ end-of-grade assessments specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section as provided for by the local board of education.
- (d) This Code section does not create a property interest in promotion.



(e) The State Board of Education shall establish policies and procedures for implementation of this Code section."

### SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-284, relating to criteria for local board of education and model placement and promotion policies, as follows:

"20-2-284.

(a) No later than July 1, 2003, each local board of education shall develop and adopt a placement and promotion policy in accordance with the criteria established by the State Board of Education as provided in Code Section 20-2-283 and consistent with the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy.

(b) Except for those ~~critierion-refereneed~~ end-of-grade assessments specified in Code Section 20-2-283, the placement and promotion policy as developed and adopted by each local board of education shall state how the ~~critierion-refereneed competency tests~~ end-of-grade assessments administered under Code Section 20-2-281 for grades one through eight will be weighted or otherwise utilized by the school principal or the principal's designee in determining the overall academic achievement of a student and an appropriate plan of accelerated, differentiated, or additional instruction, placement, promotion, or retention of a student.

(c) To assist each local board of education, the State Board of Education shall develop a model placement and promotion policy which may be utilized by a local board of education."

### SECTION 8.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Corbett	Y Harrell	Y Morris	Y Smith, M
Y Anderson	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hatchett	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Atwood	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hawkins	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Ballinger	Y Dempsey	Y Henson	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Barr	Y Dickerson	Y Hightower	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Battles	Y Dickey	Y Hitchens	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens, R
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickson	Y Holcomb	E Pak	Y Stephenson

Y Bell	Y Dollar	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stovall
Y Belton	Y Douglas	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stover
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Strickland
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Tankersley
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tanner
Y Beskin	Y Dunahoo	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Beverly	Y Duncan	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ealum	Y Jones, J	Y Prince	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Efstration	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Pruett	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	E Ehrhart	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y England	Y Jones, S	Y Raffensperger	Y Thomas, E
Y Bryant	Y Epps	Y Jordan	E Rakestraw	Y Trammell
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Y Kaiser	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Kelley	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Floyd	Y Kendrick	Y Reeves	Y Watson
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kidd	Y Rhodes	Y Welch
E Cantrell	Y Frazier	Y Kirby	Y Rice	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Roberts	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter	Y Gardner	Y LaRiccica	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Chandler	Y Geisinger	Y Mabra	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Martin	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y Maxwell	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Mayo	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y McCall	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Hamilton	Y McClain	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 52. By Representatives Quick of the 117th, Caldwell of the 131st, Jones of the 62nd, Oliver of the 82nd, Weldon of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-9-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parenting plans, so as to change provisions requiring parenting plans to be incorporated into final orders involving the custody of a child; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Y Allison	Y Corbett	Y Harrell	Y Morris	Y Smith, M

Y Anderson	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hatchett	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Atwood	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hawkins	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Ballinger	Y Dempsey	Y Henson	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Barr	Y Dickerson	Y Hightower	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Battles	Y Dickey	Y Hitchens	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens, R
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickson	Y Holcomb	E Pak	Y Stephenson
Y Bell	Y Dollar	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stovall
Y Belton	Y Douglas	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stover
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Strickland
Y Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Tankersley
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tanner
Y Beskin	Y Dunahoo	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Beverly	Y Duncan	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ealum	Y Jones, J	Y Prince	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Efstration	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Pruett	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	E Ehrhart	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y England	Y Jones, S	Y Raffensperger	Y Thomas, E
Y Bryant	Y Epps	Y Jordan	E Rakestraw	Y Trammell
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Y Kaiser	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Kelley	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Floyd	Y Kendrick	Y Reeves	Y Watson
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kidd	Y Rhodes	Y Welch
E Cantrell	Y Frazier	Y Kirby	Y Rice	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Roberts	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter	Y Gardner	Y LaRiccica	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Chandler	Y Geisinger	Y Mabra	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Martin	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y Maxwell	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Mayo	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y McCall	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Hamilton	Y McClain	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 174, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 65. By Representatives Caldwell of the 20th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Teasley of the 37th, Turner of the 21st, Dudgeon of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require local boards of education and certain charter schools to hold at least two public meetings on the proposed annual operating budget; to require that a summary of the proposed and adopted annual operating budget be posted on the Internet; to require that the detailed annual operating budget be made available upon request; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, E
Y Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Harden	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, L
Allison	Y Corbett	Y Harrell	Y Morris	Smith, M
Y Anderson	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Hatcher	Y Mosby	Y Smith, R
Y Atwood	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Hawkins	Y Nimmer	Y Smyre
Y Ballinger	Y Dempsey	Y Henson	Y Nix	Y Spencer
Y Barr	Y Dickerson	Y Hightower	Y Oliver	Y Stephens, M
Y Battles	Y Dickey	Y Hitchens	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens, R
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dickson	Y Holcomb	E Pak	Y Stephenson
Y Bell	Y Dollar	Y Holmes	Y Parrish	Y Stovall
Y Belton	Y Douglas	Y Houston	Y Parsons	Y Stover
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Howard	Y Peake	Y Strickland
N Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Hugley	Y Petrea	Y Tankersley
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tanner
Y Beskin	Y Dunahoo	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Tarvin
Y Beverly	Y Duncan	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, D
Y Broadrick	Y Ealum	Y Jones, J	Y Prince	Y Taylor, T
Y Brockway	Y Efstration	Y Jones, J.B.	Y Pruett	Y Teasley
Y Brooks	E Ehrhart	Y Jones, L	Y Quick	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Bruce	Y England	Y Jones, S	Y Raffensperger	Y Thomas, E
Y Bryant	Y Epps	Y Jordan	E Rakestraw	Y Trammell
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Y Kaiser	Y Ramsey	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Kelley	Y Randall	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Floyd	Y Kendrick	Y Reeves	Y Watson
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kidd	Y Rhodes	Y Welch
E Cantrell	Y Frazier	Y Kirby	Y Rice	Y Weldon
Y Carson	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Roberts	Y Werkheiser
Y Carter	Y Gardner	Y LaRiccica	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Casas	Y Gasaway	Y Lumsden	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Y Chandler	Y Geisinger	Y Mabra	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Clark, D	Y Golick	Y Martin	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, H	Y Gordon	Y Maxwell	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Y Gravley	Y Mayo	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Greene	Y McCall	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Hamilton	Y McClain	Y Sims	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

HR 337. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Maxwell of the 17th, Frye of the 118th, Rogers of the 29th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2015, as University of Georgia Day at the state capitol, congratulating the University of Georgia on its 230th anniversary of becoming the first state-chartered institution in the United States of America, and inviting Jere Morehead, president of the University of Georgia, to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

- HR 338. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Williams of the 119th, Epps of the 144th, Holmes of the 129th, Rhodes of the 120th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Jasper-Jones County Forestry Unit upon being named the Georgia Forestry Commission 2014 Northern Unit of the Year and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

- HR 339. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Harden of the 148th and Abrams of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly, among other programs that cultivate youth civic engagement, and inviting Randall Trammell, Josh Moore, Andrew Mitchell, Dalton Touchberry, and Hogan Tuell to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

- HR 340. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Stover of the 71st, Trammell of the 132nd and Ramsey of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Lynn Whiteside, weaver of the official tartan of Georgia, and inviting her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

- HR 341. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Williams of the 119th, England of the 116th, Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Andy Paul as the 2014-2015 President of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 342. By Representative Turner of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION commending the Sequoyah High School volleyball team for winning the 2014-2015 Class 5A State Championship and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 343. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Duncan of the 26th, Roberts of the 155th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending John Andrew Smoltz for his contributions to the State of Georgia; recognizing his outstanding achievements in the sport of baseball; and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 344. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Caldwell of the 131st:

A RESOLUTION commending David Byers and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 345. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Epps of the 144th and England of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION commending Walter Parks on being named the 2013-2014 Georgia Association of Career and Technical Educators Teacher of the Year for Agriculture and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 346. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Epps of the 144th, England of the 116th and Roberts of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION commending Doyle Floyd on being named 2014 Georgia FFA Alumni Outstanding Agriculture Educator of the Year and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House, referred to the House Rules Subcommittee on Invites, were reported by the Committee on Rules with the following recommendations:

HR 309	Do Pass
HR 310	Do Pass
HR 311	Do Pass

The following Resolutions of the House, favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, were read and adopted:

HR 309. By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION commending Maggie Bridges on her continued dedication to the State of Georgia, congratulating her for being crowned Miss Georgia 2014, and inviting her to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 310. By Representatives O`Neal of the 146th, Smyre of the 135th, Abrams of the 89th, Jones of the 47th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mack Chandler and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 311. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, England of the 116th, McCall of the 33rd, Roberts of the 155th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24th, 2015, as Future Farmers of America Day at the state capitol and inviting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 347. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Lumsden of the 12th, Cooke of the 18th, Atwood of the 179th, Waites of the 60th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) for its contributions to Georgia's law enforcement personnel and canine officers; and for other purposes.

HR 348. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Stephens of the 165th, Randall of the 142nd, Waites of the 60th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lois Bolston; and for other purposes.

HR 349. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th and Stephens of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and recognizing February 19, 2015, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 350. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Mitchell of the 88th, Smyre of the 135th, Waites of the 60th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John Edison Inman Jordan, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 351. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Stover of the 71st, Trammell of the 132nd and Ramsey of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 150th birthday of The Newnan Times-Herald; and for other purposes.

HR 352. By Representatives Sims of the 123rd, Harbin of the 122nd and Howard of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending C.J. Pearson, a 12 year old from Grovetown, Georgia, who is the founder and Executive Director of Young Georgians in Government; and for other purposes.

HR 353. By Representatives Sims of the 123rd, Harbin of the 122nd and Howard of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Executive Board of the Young Georgians in Government and recognizing board members C.J. Pearson, Brooks Fletcher, DeUndre Eberhart, Conrad Close, Felix Close, and Alan Hill; and for other purposes.

HR 354. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Spencer of the 180th, Nimmer of the 178th, Jones of the 167th and Duncan of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Charlton County High School baseball team on winning the 2014 GHSA Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 355. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, England of the 116th, Dickson of the 6th and others:



A RESOLUTION commending Jacob Schindler and congratulating him upon being named the University of Georgia's Amazing Student; and for other purposes.

HR 356. By Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Brooks of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending His Royal Majesty Oba Adejuyigbe Egundjobi Alladohonu Oyewole Adefunmi II; and for other purposes.

HR 357. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Sharper of the 177th, Corbett of the 174th and Shaw of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Macedonia First Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 358. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Smith of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Angelin Sara Shajan of Columbus State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 359. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Broadrick of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hilary N. Stanley of Dalton State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 360. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Stovall of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Rachel S. Mannor of Clayton State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 361. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Harrell of the 106th, Marin of the 96th, Clark of the 98th, Kirby of the 114th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Gwinnett College for its commitment to educational excellence and for its rapid expansion; and for other purposes.

HR 362. By Representative Setzler of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending Shannon Laffey for being chosen as part of Team USA to compete in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games; and for other purposes.

HR 363. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Atwood of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jedidiah O. Lindborg of College of Coastal Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 364. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Dukes of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jonathan Colley of Darton State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 365. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Bentley of the 139th and Smyre of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Ashley D. Davis of Fort Valley State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 366. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Jones of the 47th and Bell of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Fernando Mattos of Georgia State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 367. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Roberts of the 155th, Houston of the 170th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Sarah Allison Rooks of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

HR 368. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, LaRiccia of the 169th and Roberts of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jenna R. Rozier of South Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 369. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Kidd of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Ashlyn D. Burch of Georgia College & State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 370. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Bell of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Michael Patterson of Atlanta Metropolitan State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 371. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hali Bohannon Burns of Georgia Highlands College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 372. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Hightower of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Osayame Gaius-Obaseki of University of West Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 373. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Brockway of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Gabrielle Costello of Georgia Gwinnett College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 374. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Stephens of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Brittany Bush of Savannah State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 375. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Danielle Donaldson Renew of East Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 376. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Kelly R. Dekle of Georgia Southwestern State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 377. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Sharper of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Melanie Alyse Morris of Valdosta State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 378. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Randall of the 142nd and Pruett of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Sarah Hollifield of Middle Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 379. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hillary Brooke Bird of Georgia Southern University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 380. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Dukes of the 154th and Ealum of the 153rd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jeremy S. Jones of Albany State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 381. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Quick of the 117th and Frye of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Tuan Anh Nguyen of University of Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 382. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Reeves of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Katherine Grace Street of Kennesaw State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 383. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Evans of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Philip N. Cheek of Southern Polytechnic State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 384. By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Rogers of the 10th and Anderson of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame, Colonel Paul Richard Longgear, Captain Clifford Paul Barnes, Colonel Richard H. White, Major General Jack Wheeler, and Colonel Bob Poydasheff; and for other purposes.

- HR 385. By Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Rogers of the 10th and Anderson of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION commending all Vietnam era and Vietnam War veterans and their families and recognizing the week of May 6-12, 2015, as the 40th anniversary observance of the ending of the Vietnam War; and for other purposes.

- HR 386. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Harbin of the 122nd, Howard of the 124th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Brittney Melinda Laufer of Georgia Regents University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 387. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Powell of the 171st and Taylor of the 173rd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar April C. McNair of Bainbridge State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 388. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Tanner of the 9th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jonathan Chase Strickland of University of North Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 389. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th and Mosby of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jeremy Borger of Georgia Perimeter College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 390. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Brockway of the 102nd, Thomas of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Zackary H. Cook of Georgia Institute of Technology on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 391. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Blair Weaver of Armstrong Atlantic State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

- HR 392. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Epps of the 144th, Cooke of the 18th, LaRicca of the 169th, England of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 3, 2015, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 393. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Donald Edison Garrett; and for other purposes.

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 17, 2015, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 17, 2015.